



STATE OF MICHIGAN
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STATE OF MICHIGAN
STATEWIDE BALLOT PROPOSAL STATUS

NOVEMBER 7, 2006 GENERAL ELECTION

**I. STATEWIDE PROPOSALS QUALIFIED TO APPEAR ON NOVEMBER 7, 2006
GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT**

Note: A ballot designation will be awarded to each statewide proposal qualified to appear on the ballot after the August 8, 2006 primary. (MCL 168.474a)

- A. HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION Z:** Adopted by State House July 14, 2004; adopted by State Senate December 8, 2004; deposited with Secretary of State December 20, 2004.

Purpose: Would establish the Conservation and Recreation Legacy Fund, the Game and Fish Protection Trust Fund and the Nongame Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund within the State Constitution.

- B. MICHIGAN CIVIL RIGHTS INITIATIVE PETITION:** Signatures filed January 6, 2005; proposal ordered on ballot by Michigan Court of Appeals December 20, 2005.

Purpose: Proposed amendment to the State Constitution to “prohibit the University of Michigan and other state universities, the state, and all other state entities from discriminating against or granting preferential treatment based on race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin.”

Contact: Michigan Civil Rights Initiative (MCRI), P.O. Box 1398, Southgate, MI 48195. Chetly Zarko (734) 730-4842.

- C. DOVE HUNTING REFERENDUM:** Referendum petition approved as to form August 11, 2004; signatures filed March 28, 2005; petition determined sufficient June 2, 2005.

Purpose: Referendum on PA 160 of 2004. (PA 160 of 2004 authorized an open season for hunting mourning doves.)

Contact: The Committee to Restore the Dove Shooting Ban, 330 West Saginaw, Suite B3, Lansing, MI 48917. Julie Baker (517) 321-3683.

- D. SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION E:** Adopted by the State Senate December 13, 2005; adopted by the State House December 13, 2005; deposited with the Secretary of State December 15, 2005.

Purpose: Would amend the State Constitution to restrict the power of state or local government to take private property by eminent domain for certain private purposes.

II. STATEWIDE PROPOSAL PETITIONS CURRENTLY BEING REVIEWED FOR SUFFICIENCY

- A. EDUCATIONAL FUNDING GUARANTEE:** Initiative petition approved as to form December 7, 2005; signatures filed February 21, 2006.

Purpose: Legislative initiative to amend the State School Aid Act to ensure that the legislature establish and appropriate minimum funding levels for Michigan's public elementary and secondary schools, intermediate school districts, community colleges, public universities and independent nonprofit colleges or universities. The proposal would provide for minimum funding increases for education by an amount not less than the General Price level.

Contact: Citizens for Education, P.O. Box 2573, East Lansing, MI 48826-2573. Ken MacGregor (517) 282-6129; Ken@MichiganK16.org.

III. STATEWIDE PROPOSAL PETITIONS "APPROVED AS TO FORM" IN PREPARATION FOR CIRCULATION

- A. CASEY 50/50 JURY:** Initiative petition approved as to form March 7, 2005.

Purpose: Legislative initiative to allow plaintiffs and defendants to request that 50 percent of the jury "be identical in racial appearance resembling the individual plaintiff's/defendant's racial appearance."

Contact: People of Diversity United for Equality (PODUE), P.O. Box 981231, Ypsilanti, MI 48197. Roderick Casey (734) 483-0365; Casey_36@juno.com.

- B. MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION:** Initiative petition approved as to form May 5, 2005.

Purpose: Proposed amendment to the State Constitution to legalize and regulate marijuana within the State of Michigan.

Contact: Win-the-War.com, P.O. Box 1269, Sterling Heights, MI 48311. Bruce Ritchie (586) 997-7108.

- C. PROTECT THE RIGHT OF PROPERTY:** Initiative petition approved as to form December 7, 2005.

Purpose: Proposed amendment to the State Constitution to stipulate that the Constitution “shall not be construed to discriminate against or grant preferential treatment to citizens or private industry in the name of eminent domain or any other government process which seizes and/or distributes property”

Contact: Protect the Right of Property, P.O. Box 1336, Southgate, MI 48195. Timothy Kachinski (734) 283-2110 <ProtectProperty@hotmail.com>

- D. MICHIGAN CITIZENS FOR LIFE:** Initiative petition approved as to form December 7, 2005.

Purpose: Proposed amendment to the State Constitution to add following language: “The right to due process, whereby no person shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law, guaranteed in Article I, Section 17, and the right to equal protection of the law, guaranteed in Article I, Section 2, vest at conception. A ‘person,’ for purposes of the Constitution and laws of the State of Michigan, exists from the moment of conception.”

Contact: Citizens for Life, 4119 Thackin Drive, Lansing, MI 48911. Joe Sanger (517) 394-2377.

- E. UNICAMERAL MICHIGAN:** Initiative petition approved as to form January 20, 2006.

Purpose: Proposed amendment to the State Constitution to abolish the Michigan State Senate.

Contact: Unicameral Michigan, P.O. Box 117, Hastings, MI 49058. Harland and Nyla Nye (269) 948-4127. <senatebgone@fire-the-senate.com>

- F. REPEAL SBT:** Initiative petition approved as to form April 11, 2006.

Purpose: Legislative initiative to repeal the Single Business Tax Act; provide for the collection of taxes due under current law on business activity through December 31, 2007; and encourage the legislature to adopt a tax that is “less burdensome and less costly to employers, and more conducive to job creation and investment.”

Contact: Repeal SBT, 124 West Allegan, Ste. 800, Lansing, MI 48933. Sandy Cotter (517) 374-9100.

IV. STATEWIDE PROPOSAL PETITIONS SUBMITTED FOR “APPROVAL AS TO FORM”

None at this date.